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DECEMBER MILK PRICES INCREASED FROM NOVEMBER

Prices received by New York producers for milk sold during December were up from a month earlier, according to Steve Ropel, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Office. The price of eggs and corn also increased. The price of wheat and apples decreased. The price of hay and potatoes were unchanged. Many previous month prices were revised due to more complete sales information.

Dairy farmers in the Empire State received an average of \$16.30 per hundredweight of milk sold during December, up \$1.00 from November and 20 cents more than December a year ago. Poultry producers received an average of 91.1 cents per dozen eggs sold, up 4.8 cents from November and 2.1 cents higher than last year.

Grain corn, at \$3.81 per bushel, was up 1 cent from November but decreased 88 cents from last year. Wheat, at 4.77 per bushel, was down 12 cents from November and down \$2.02 from December a year ago. Hay averaged \$129.00 per ton, unchanged from November but up \$11.00 from December 2008. Potatoes averaged 12.10 per hundredweight, unchanged from November but down \$4.30 from last year at this time. Apples, at 25.1 cents per hundredweight, were down 4.6 cents from last year.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 136 percent, based on 1990-92=100, was unchanged from November. The Crop Index is down 2 points (1.3 percent) but the Livestock Index increased 3 points (2.6 percent). Producers received higher prices for milk, soybeans, grapes, and strawberries and lower prices for oranges, cattle, corn, and broccoli. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of wheat, milk, oranges, and lettuce offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, cattle, and grapes. The information in this release is available by free email subscription by subscribing to New York reports at www.nass.usda.gov/ny.

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